



PRESS RELEASE

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Lewis County Burn Restrictions Modified-Total Burn Ban In Effect

Effective **IMMEDIATELY**-2:00 P.M., September 8, 2020, the Lewis County Fire Marshal will modify burn restrictions to **NOT** allow recreational campfires. This modification and upgrade will prohibit all outdoor burning which includes recreational fires.

Until modified by the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners or the Lewis County Fire Marshal, only liquid gas or propane camp stoves that do not use solid briquettes and have on/off controls are permitted. This decision was made due to the continued and worsening dry season and wind conditions.

The Lewis County Fire Marshal, in coordination with the Chiefs of local fire districts strongly urge all county residents and property owners to be attentive to the conditions of their properties through proactive fire prevention measures. While the Board of County Commissioners and the Fire Marshal recognize that this decision may alter recreational plans, the decision to expand the burn restriction to a total burn ban reflects the county's priority of public safety and the protection of personnel as well as property.

The open burning restrictions, including this modification to put in place a total burn ban, will remain in effect until such discontinuance is modified or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners. A public announcement of the lifting of the restrictions and ban will be released to the public at that time.

To stay informed regarding the current status, please call the 24-hour automated information line at 360.740.1133. The Fire Marshal's office is in the Lewis County Public Services building, located at 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, Washington. <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/>